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WASHINGTON, November 21, 1991 -- Carloadings originated on major U.S. railroads during the week ended November 16 totaled 336,536, down 1.5 percent from the corresponding week of 1990 and up 4.4 percent from the preceding week, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. The railroads reporting account for approximately 94 percent of all rail carloads and 97 percent of rail intermodal loadings.

Carloadings originated were down 2.2 percent in the East and down 0.7 percent in the West, compared with a year ago.

From the comparable 1990 week, loadings of motor vehicles and equipment rose by 1,592 cars (9.8 percent), loadings of coal fell by 3,891 cars (2.9 percent), and crushed stone, sand and gravel loadings decreased 1,918 cars (12.8 percent).

Cumulative carloadings for the first 46 weeks of 1991 totaled 14,814,873, a decline of 5.0 percent from the comparable period of 1990.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- not included in the carloadings -- totaled 132,510 trailers and containers for the week ended November 16, up 4.7 percent from 1990.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 46 weeks of 1991 was 5,525,782 trailers and containers, 0.2 percent above the 1990 comparable total.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended November 16 totaled 21.0 billion, down 0.5 percent from the corresponding week of 1990. Cumulative volume for the first 46 weeks of 1991 was an estimated 905.8 billion ton-miles, down 1.8 percent from the comparable period of last year.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 16, 1991

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 16, 1991	COMPARISON WITH SAME WEEK OF 1990	CHANGE	COMPARISON WITH PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	29,709	29,571	.5 %	27,490	8.1 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	2,386	2,241	6.5	1,913	24.7
Metallic Ores	15,886	16,538	-3.9	14,146	12.3
Coal	131,933	135,824	-2.9	126,549	4.3
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	13,092	15,010	-12.8	12,671	3.3
Nonmetallic Minerals	8,858	8,457	4.7	7,540	17.5
Grain Mill Products	9,946	10,213	-2.6	9,751	2.0
Food & Kindred Products	9,329	9,053	3.0	9,090	2.6
Primary Forest Products	9,609	9,490	1.3	9,116	5.4
Lumber & Wood Products	5,416	5,297	2.2	5,023	7.8
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	9,476	9,728	-2.6	9,576	-1.0
Chemicals	27,701	27,626	.3	27,974	-1.0
Petroleum Products	5,415	5,157	5.0	5,346	1.3
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	8,783	9,576	-8.3	8,663	1.4
Coke	5,442	5,675	-4.1	5,625	-3.3
Metals & Products	9,989	10,455	-4.5	9,362	6.7
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	17,801	16,209	9.8	17,773	.2
Waste & Scrap Materials	8,819	8,826	-.1	8,330	5.9
All Other Carloads	6,946	6,837	1.6	6,529	6.4
Total	336,536	341,783	-1.5 %	322,467	4.4 %

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 16, 1991 1991	1990	CHANGE	CUMULATIVE: 46 WEEKS ENDING NOVEMBER 16, 1991 1991	1990	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	336,536	341,783	-1.5 %	14,814,873	15,602,176	-5.0 %
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	67,979	68,705	-1.1	2,840,056	3,071,067	-7.5
Containers	64,531	57,900	11.5	2,685,726	2,444,660	9.9
Total	132,510	126,605	4.7	5,525,782	5,515,727	.2
Estimated Ton-Miles						
Class I Railroads (Billions)	21.0	21.1	-.5 %	905.8	922.7	-1.8 %

NOTE: Carloadings are estimated for: Week 46, 1991 - GTW.